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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Italo BUSI, Pietro Vittorio GRANDI, Michele FONTANA, Giovanni ZANGRANDO
METHOD OF PROCESSING DATA PACKETS AT LAYER THREE LEVEL IN A TELECOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT
Assignee: **ALCATEL**
Our Ref. Q77975

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 35 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 2 sheets of drawings, a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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| Total claims | 15 - 20 | = | | x | \$18.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| Independent claims | 2 - 3 | = | | x | \$86.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| Base Fee | | | | | | | \$770.00 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE | | | | | | | \$770.00 |
| Recordation of Assignment | | | | | | | \$40.00 |
| TOTAL FEE | | | | | | | \$810.00 |

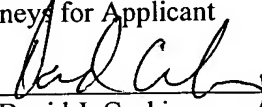
Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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The priority document is submitted herewith.

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